



HR0590

LRB095 12678 GRL 37992 r

1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Richard S. Eilert is a native son  
3 of Illinois and a life long resident of Lake Zurich; and

4

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Eilert followed his grandfather  
5 and father into the service of his country by enlisting in the  
6 United States Marine Corps and serving with the storied 1st  
7 Marine Division, 1st Marines; and

8

WHEREAS, Upon completion of training in 2005, Lance  
9 Corporal Eilert was deployed on the USS Bonhomme Richard, the  
10 flagship of Expeditionary Strike Group 5, a combined armada  
11 comprised of Navy ships and a submarine, the 15th Marine  
12 Expeditionary Unit, and a U.S. Coast Guard cutter; and

13

WHEREAS, While serving with the 15th Marine Expeditionary  
14 Unit, Lance Corporal Eilert participated in "Operation Unified  
15 Assurance" which brought immediate aide to Sumatra after the  
16 December 26, 2005 tsunami had devastated the island nation; the  
17 Task Force brought food, water, medical supplies, and doctors  
18 within days of the disaster; and

19

WHEREAS, In March 2006, Lance Corporal Eilert was deployed  
20 to Iraq, Babil Province, south of Baghdad, where he  
21 participated in "Operation Iraqi Freedom"; and

1           WHEREAS, During this time he and his mates were called upon  
2 to perform combat patrols and sweeps for weapons caches and  
3 fight the insurgency; in 2006, Lance Corporal Eilert and his  
4 fellow Marines returned again to Iraq to fight in the Al Anbar  
5 province, distinguishing themselves during combat operations  
6 near Fallujah and Karmah; during this time The Leathernecks of  
7 the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines upheld the great fighting  
8 traditions of the Marines; and

9           WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Eilert has served with distinction  
10 while serving in the Marine Corps, earning the Combat Action  
11 Ribbon, Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War  
12 on Terrorism Service Medal, Navy Meritorious Unit  
13 Commendation, Humanitarian Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal,  
14 Sea Service Deployment with star, and the National Defense  
15 Service Medal; and

16           WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Eilert is preparing to deploy a  
17 third time to Iraq, Anbar Province, to uphold the finest  
18 traditions of the United States Marine Corps; by his service he  
19 has brought honor to this nation, the State of Illinois, and to  
20 the community of Lake Zurich; therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
22 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 thank Lance Corporal Eilert for his willingness to serve his  
2 country, and wish him continued success as he deploys to Iraq;  
3 and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to Lance Corporal Richard S. Eilert as a symbol of  
6 our respect and admiration.